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In re Application of:
Ramin Emami

Serial No.: 09/981,524

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For: Method For Preventing Surface Corrosion In An Edge Bead Removal Process

§ Group Art Unit: 2812

§ Examiner: Long Pham

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 24, 2002, Applicants elect claims 1-13 with traverse, and request reconsideration of the restriction requirement for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6092/CMP/ECP/RKK, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method for preventing [surface] corrosion of a substrate surface in an edge bead removal process, comprising rinsing the substrate surface with a